

From O. B. Gilbert,
an ex-fugitive slave. Gilbert

Saratoga Springs July 22^d 1874

Mr. Wm Lloyd Garrison

My dear friend,

I received from you very excellent & interesting
Letter, also the very fine Photographs
of Wendell Phillips, Esq & Lucretia Mott
of which I shall ever prize as one of
the grandest gifts including yourself.
Not ever I received. How shall I thank you
for this great & kind favor, I shall
ever cherish with great reverence your
kind favor & hold your honored
name in kind remembrance & teach my
dear children as they grow up to revere
oh to venerate the name of the Great pio-
ner of the Anti-Slavery movement in
this country, who suffered almost death
for the cause of freedom. The good
you have done for our Race has been
penned by the recording Angel in that
book whose leaves are sealed till the
great day of Judgement. Thank God

Saratoga no longer wears the Slave collar,
A Black man can now walk the free streets
of Saratoga Springs with out fear of being
recognized by some slaveholder from whom
he had made his escape. Saratoga as you
well remarked is crowded with visitors Mr
Adams has his share of them I believe,
A few of my personal friends among
them the editor of the Daily Saratogian begged
of me to allow him to publish your letter
which I did, trusting that it may do the cause
of my race some good. And also that it
may meet your approval. Mr Garrison I have
been requested by Mr D. F. Ritchie one of the
editors of the Saratogian whose father in
Anti-Slavery days, was a warm friend of
yours, wished me to ask you to send him
your Photograph, also one of Wendell
Phillips, Loretta Mott, R. W. Emerson &
Theo Parker & the Price & I will remit it
^{to you} Please if not too much trouble let me have
a Photograph of Theo Parker, I framed
yours, Mr. Phillips & Miss Mott & they now
hang up in my humble Little Parlor along
side with Douglass & Lincoln & Gerrit Smith
Mr. & Mrs. Adams send their regards to you &
your Son also Mrs. Gilbert & children all
join me in sending their kindest regards

to you & your Son I was much pleased
to learn that you enjoyed your visit
at Saratoga & Lake George. Please
excuse all mistakes I never went to school
a day in my life most faithfully
Yours A. L. Gilbert